

# DELAWARE ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLE INCENTIVES AND LAWS



Delaware is the proud home of the Wilmington Clean Cities Coalition.

## ***Overview***

The Delaware Energy Office administers Delaware's funding from the Petroleum Violation Escrow (PVE) settlements, which can be used to finance vehicle conversions and the incremental costs of purchasing alternative fuel vehicles (AFVs) for state, county, or municipal fleets. In addition, until 1996, alternative fuels are exempt from the motor fuels tax.

## ***State Incentives***

Delaware's initial source of the state's AFV program funding is from PVE settlements. Using PVE funding, the Delaware Energy Office offers an AFV demonstration program to fund the incremental cost of AFV conversions or purchases for state, county, or municipal fleet operators. PVE funds are used to provide for special vehicle emissions testing, operator mechanic training costs, infrastructure development, and the education of fleet operators and the public about the benefits of using AFVs. The Delaware Energy Office's Division of Facilities Management administers all AFV funding programs. For more information, contact Charlie Smisson at (302) 739-5644.

## ***Utilities/Private Incentives***

**Delmarva Power** operates compressed natural gas (CNG) refueling stations. Contact Tom Bacon at (302) 429-3895 for more information.

**Chesapeake Utilities** has installed six fast fuel stations and is in the process of developing alternative fuel incentives for its customers. Contact Jim Moore at (302) 734-6747 for more information.

**Schagrin Gas** provides liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) tanks, pumps, and meters at no-cost to customers on a case-by-case basis. Fleets can also save up to 10% on motor fuel. Contact Chris Cafarella at (302) 378-2000, extension 3002, for more information.

## ***Laws & Regulations***

House Bill 51, passed in June 1993, exempts alternative fuels from the State Motor Fuels Tax (currently at 23¢/gallon) until January 1996.

The Public Service Commission allows gas utilities to use rate basing in the sale of compressed natural gas (CNG) in order to recover a portion of their infrastructure development costs.

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